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Section	4	Fire safety (N.J.A.C. 10:126-6.4)	

§10:126-6.4 Fire safety

(a) The provider shall have a written plan for the emergency evacuation of the children from the home, which shall be posted in a prominent location when enrolled children are present.

1. Fire/evacuation drills shall be practiced with the children on a monthly basis.

2. Documentation of the fire/evacuation drills shall include date, time, total amount of time taken to evacuate the home and the number of children and adults present.

(b) The provider shall ensure that:

1. At least one working smoke detector is installed on each floor of the home;

2. All interior doors that can be locked from the inside have a means to be unlocked from the outside in case of emergency;

3. All heating or cooling devices are adequately vented, protected by guards or barriers and kept clear of combustible materials;

4. Wood burning stoves have protective barriers and are not accessible to children;

5. Portable liquid fuel-burning heating appliances are not in use when children are in care;

6. Stairways, hallways and exits from rooms and from the home are unobstructed, except for safety barriers.

- i. Each room used for child care has at least two means of egress.

ii. The second means of egress may be an unobstructed, operable window not less than 820 square inches and large enough to allow all adults and children to escape.

iii. The provider shall not allow rest and sleep in a basement unless there are two approved means of egress that meet the International Building Code and the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code as specified in N.J.A.C. 5:70.

iv. Security bars, when present, must be hinged with a quick release mechanism inside the home that requires one motion to operate.

v. Every stairway is maintained free of obstructions and provides safe passage.

vi. Stairways within the exits with four or more steps have a railing;

7. Electrical cords are maintained in good condition;

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